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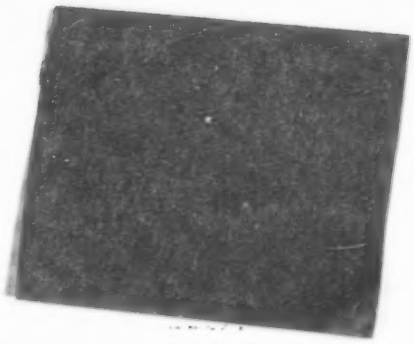

REPORT ON THE OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

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I. ORGANIZATION OF THE MEETING

A. Opening and duration of the meeting

1. The Commission on Narcotic Drugs acting as preparatory body for the special session of the General Assembly devoted to the fight against the illicit production, sale, demand, traffic and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and related activities held its third informal open-ended inter-sessional meeting from 3 to 5 December 1997.

2. The meeting was opened by the Chairman of the Commission acting as preparatory body. The Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme (UNDCP) made an introductory statement.

3. The officers of the first session of the Commission acting as preparatory body, held at Vienna from 26 to 27 March 1997, continued to exercise their functions during the third inter-sessional meeting.

B. Attendance

4. The following States Members of the United Nations were represented: Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Mexico, Morocco, Namibia, Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Sweden, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen and Zimbabwe.

5. The following non-member States sent observers: Holy See and Switzerland.

6. The Centre for International Crime Prevention of the Secretariat and the United Nations International Drug Control Programme were represented.

7. The International Narcotics Control Board, the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute were represented.

8. The World Health Organization was represented.

9. The following intergovernmental organizations sent observers: Council of Europe, European Community, League of Arab States, Organization of African Unity, Organization of the Islamic Conference and Organization of American States.

10. The International Criminal Police Organization, having a special arrangement with the United Nations, sent an observer.

11. The following non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council were represented:

(a) *General consultative status*: International Council of Women, International Federation of Business and Professional Women, Transnational Radical Party and Zonta International;

(b) *Special consultative status*: All India Women's Conference, Asia Crime Prevention Foundation, Association for the Advancement of Psychological Understanding of Human Nature, Caritas Internationalis (International Confederation of Catholic Charities), International Abolitionist Federation, International Association of Judges, International Association of Lions Clubs, Lions Club International, International Association of Schools of Social Work, International Catholic Child Bureau, International Council on Alcohol and Addictions, International Federation of University Women, Italian Centre of Solidarity, Open Society Institute, Pax Romana (International Catholic Movement for International and Cultural Affairs) (International Movement of Catholic Students), Richmond Fellowship International, Society for Threatened Peoples, SOS Drugs International, Vienna Institute for Development and Cooperation, World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, World Federation for Mental Health and World Organization of the Scout Movement (World Scout Bureau).

C. Agenda

12. At its 1st meeting, on 3 December 1997, the third inter-sessional meeting adopted the provisional agenda (E/CN.7/1997/PC/8). The agenda was as follows:

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda.

2. Eradication of illicit narcotic crops and promotion of alternative development programmes.

3. Other matters.

4. Report on the outcome of proceedings.

D. Outcome of proceedings

13. At its 3rd meeting, on 5 December 1997, the third inter-sessional meeting took note that the working documents that had been the basis for its discussions of agenda item 2 would be revised by the Secretariat to reflect comments and reformulations made in the course of its deliberations (see paragraph 29 below). The meeting also took note of the progress made by the intergovernmental working group to review and further advance work on the draft declaration on the guiding principles of reduction of illicit demand for drugs, and considered elements for possible inclusion in the political declaration (see paragraphs 31 and 36 below).

II. ERADICATION OF ILLICIT NARCOTIC CROPS AND PROMOTION OF ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

14. The third inter-sessional meeting considered agenda item 2, entitled "Eradication of illicit narcotic crops and promotion of alternative development programmes", at its 1st, 2nd and 3rd meetings, on 3, 4 and 5 December 1997. For its consideration of the item, the meeting had before it the following:

(a) Conference room paper on the draft United Nations declaration on strengthening international cooperation in support of alternative development programmes and projects: proposal by Colombia (E/CN.7/1997/PC/CRP.7/Rev.1);

(b) Conference room paper on the eradication of illicit narcotic crops and promotion of alternative development programmes (E/CN.7/1997/PC/CRP.8);

(c) Conference room paper on the eradication of illicit narcotic crops and promotion of alternative development programmes: proposal by the United States of America (E/CN.7/1997/PC/CRP.9);

(d) Conference room paper on the eradication of illicit narcotic crops and promotion of alternative development programmes: proposal by Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union) (E/CN.7/1997/PC/CRP.10);

(e) Conference room paper on a global plan for the elimination of illicit narcotic crops (E/CN.7/1997/PC/CRP.11).

15. The Executive Director made a statement presenting a global plan for the elimination of illicit narcotic drugs, which had been endorsed by the Secretary-General and the United Nations senior management group.

16. The Secretariat made an introductory statement on the eradication of illicit narcotic crops and promotion of alternative development programmes.

17. The representative of Colombia introduced the conference room paper containing the text of a revised draft United Nations declaration on strengthening international cooperation in support of alternative development programmes and projects.

18. The representative of Brazil made a statement expressing the support of the Latin American and Caribbean Group for the Colombian proposal, including amendments thereto.

19. The representative of the United States introduced a conference room paper containing a draft proposal on eradication of illicit narcotic crops and promotion of alternative development programmes.

20. The representative of Luxembourg, on behalf of the European Union, introduced a conference room paper containing a draft proposal on the eradication of illicit narcotic crops and promotion of alternative development programmes.

21. The third inter-sessional meeting decided to proceed on the basis of the draft proposals submitted by Colombia, Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union) and the United States.

22. General statements were made by the representatives of Australia, China, France, Italy and Turkey.

23. On the Colombian proposal, statements were made by the representatives of Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Colombia, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, Portugal, Sweden, Turkey and United States. The observer for the United Nations Development Programme also made a statement.

24. On the United States proposal, statements were made by the representatives of Argentina, Australia, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Germany, Luxembourg, Mexico, Peru, Sri Lanka, United States and Uruguay.

25. On the proposal submitted by Luxembourg on behalf of the European Union, statements were made by the representatives of China, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Luxembourg, Madagascar, Poland, Slovenia and Sudan.

26. At the suggestion of the Chairman, an informal working group chaired by the First Vice-Chairman was established to discuss the three conference room papers.

27. At the 3rd meeting, on 5 December 1997, the First Vice-Chairman reported on the outcome of the deliberations of the informal working group, which had prepared a draft consolidated paper entitled "International cooperation on eradication of illicit drug crops and promotion of alternative development programmes and projects".

28. Statements were made by the representatives of Germany and the United States. The representative of Mexico made a proposal on the issues of alternative development programmes and eradication of illicit narcotic crops. Since there was no time for discussion, it was proposed that consideration of the matter could take place at the second session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs acting as Preparatory Body for the special session of the General Assembly. The text of the proposal will be circulated to all Governments.

29. It was agreed that the consolidated paper should be edited and reformatted by the Secretariat and sent to Governments for comments.

III. OTHER MATTERS

30. The third inter-sessional meeting considered agenda item 3, entitled "Other matters", at its 3rd meeting, on 5 December 1997. For its consideration of the item, it had before it a document on the draft declaration on the guiding principles of reduction of illicit demand for drugs (E/CN.7/1998/PC/6).

31. The Chairman of the intergovernmental working group to review and further advance work on the draft declaration on the guiding principles of reduction of illicit demand for drugs, held at Vienna from 13 to 17 October 1997, reported on the conclusions of the working group and introduced document E/CN.7/1998/PC/6.

32. Statements were made by the representatives of India, Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union) and the United States. The representative of Colombia made several proposals related to action on demand reduction and stated that he would submit those proposals in writing.

33. Possible elements for inclusion in the political declaration were then considered. Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union) and the United States presented non-papers on possible elements.

34. The Executive Director made a statement on the balanced approach adopted by UNDCP. He provided information related to the activities of UNDCP in the field of demand reduction, indicating that on the basis of the resources allocated and the number of technical assistance projects in that field, UNDCP was giving the same importance to demand reduction as to reducing illicit supply and countering illicit trafficking. He also referred to elements that Governments might take into consideration in the preparation of the draft declaration.

35. With regard to the elements of the political declaration, and in response to the statement by the Executive Director, statements were made by the representatives of Afghanistan, Brazil, Colombia, India, Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union), Mexico, Morocco, Pakistan, Russian Federation, Sudan, United States, Uruguay and Venezuela. Statements were also made by the observers for the Transnational Radical Party; the Society for Threatened Peoples and the Vienna Institute for Development and Cooperation.

36. It was agreed that the Chairman would prepare the draft political declaration, taking into account the comments made during the meeting. The draft text would then be sent to Governments for any additional comments.